In Punjab 166 Security Force personnel were killed; 481 terrorists/militants were killed and 464 were apprehended during the same period.

Information in respect of Assam is awaited from the State Government.

Number of persons killed by JKLF

316. DR. Z. A. AHMED:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of people, terrorists and security personnel killed in Kashmir by JKLF militants attacks during the year 1990 and 1991 to date;

(b) what is the number of JKLF activists arrested/surrendered during the same period; and

(c) what are the details of the initiatives being taken by Government to solve Kashmir problem and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) During 1990 and upto 31st January, 1991, 478 people and 164 security force personnel were killed by militants, and 550 terrorists were killed in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) While 4593 militants/subversives were apprehended during the year 1990, over 150 militants have surrendered.

(c) Continued better border managements and austained pressure of the Security Forces on the militants have started yielding results and the Govt. will not only maintain but has intensified its drive against the militants. Govt. has conveyed its will to talk to any one, but the solution will have to be within the framework of the Constitution and without any compromise on the integrity and sovereignty of the country.

National Workshop on Evils of Dowry

317. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national workshop organised recently by the Welfare Ministry and some other organisations including Indian Law Institute has made some valuable suggestions for fighting evils of dowry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) A workshop was organised by the Department of Women and Child Development in the Ministry of Welfare, in collaboration with Indian Law Institute on 12-13 January, 1991 wherein recommendations were *inter-alia* made regarding a change in the definition of dowry; restrictions on marriage expenses and number of guests; equal inheritance rights for women; compulsory registration of marriages; delinking of the economic aspect from marriges, mandatory provision to maintain a list of presents; prescription of a time-limit for preparation of chargesheet and post-mortem reports; disallowing the accused from remarrying till the case is finally decided in the cases of dowry deaths; association of women police officers with investigation; close association or Dowry Prohibition Officers with voluntary organisations and setting up of family courts to settle dowry cases. The recommendations are under consideration.

Talks with political leaders on Jharkhand Issue

318. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held talks with various political leaders recently on the question of finding out a solution to the Jharkhand issue in Bihar; and